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SUBJECT: EASTER HOLIDAY NORTHERN IRELAND PASSES RELATIVELY  
QUIETLY

1. THE TRADITIONAL FIVE DAY EASTER BREAK IN NORTHERN IRELAND ENDED APRIL 2. THERE WERE SEVERAL GENERALLY-PEACEFUL PARADES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PROVINCE WITH THE REPUBLICANS COMMEMORATING THE EASTER RISING OF 1916 AND THE ORANGE ORDER INITIATING THE MARSHING SEASON WITH A PARADE IN BANGOR.
2. PROVISIONAL IRA LEADERS SEAMUS TWOMEY AND DAVID O'CONNELL WERE REPORTED BY THE PRESS TO HAVE VISITED ULSTER DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE WERE SEVERAL SHOOTINGS WITH TWO PEOPLE KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED IN THE PROVINCE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE STILL UNCLEAR BUT IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE KILLINGS WAS FOR SECTARIAN REASONS AND TWO WOUNDINGS THE RESULTS OF THE FEUD BETWEEN THE LOYALIST ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION AND THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE. PROVISIONAL IRA HAS APPARENTLY MAINTAINED THE CEASEFIRE COMPLETELY.

3. BELFAST BRANCH OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (IRSP) ANNOUNCED IT WAS RESUMING OPERATIONS APRIL 1 AND THAT IT HAD ACCEPTED OFFERS OF PROTECTION BY UN-NAMED ORGANIZATIONS.

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PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN SPOKESMAN SEAMUS LOUGHRAN DOUBTED THAT

THESE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE MILITARY WING OF THE PROVISIONAL IRA. EFFORTS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE FEUDING IRSP AND THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS/OFFICIAL IRA CONTINUE.

4. SECSTATE REES RELEASED 40 MORE REPUBLICAN DETAINEES MARCH 28 BRINGING TOTAL RELEASES SINCE INITIAL PROVISIONAL CEASEFIRE DECEMBER 22 TO MORE THAN 200 OR ABOUT FORTY PER CENT OF THOSE THEN DETAINED. THERE ARE 370 REPUBLICANS STILL DETAINED. ALL LOYALISTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. PHASED RELEASE PROGRAM HAS DRAWN CRITICISMS FROM SIX COUNTY EXECUTIVE REPUBLICAN CLUBS, PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY. CONSENSUS CRITICISMS IS THAT REMAINING DETAINEES BEING HELD AS POLITICAL HOSTAGES AND CRITICAL GROUPS CALLING FOR COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE END TO DETENTION.  
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